SITE NUMBER: WA-V-362

ADDRESS: 211 Cumberland Street, Clear Spring, MD OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: St. John's Parsonage

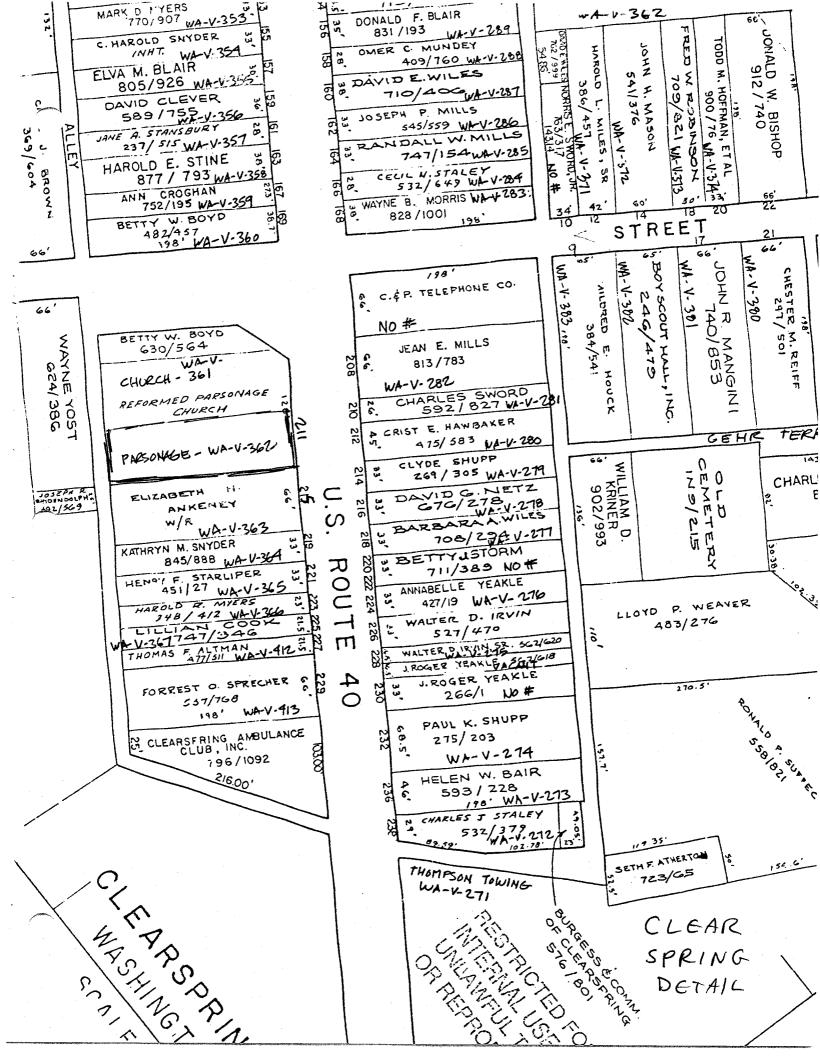
BUILDING DATE: 1904-1905

St. John's Parsonage is a north-facing, horizontally massed, two-and-a-half-story, five-bay, brick, freestanding, residential structure. The building, which is set slightly back from the public-right-of-way, rests on a stone foundation and is laid in a common bond, painted red. The cross-gable, tin roof has a brick dentilled cornice and two, endwall chimneys. A simple hipped-roof porch extends across the center three bays of the facade and protects the center-bay entrance. The entrance is a Colonial Revival composition: thin pilasters flank the door (which is new) and a webbed fanlight tops the door. The fenestration is double-hung, one-over-one sash, except in the attic where the windows are round-arched and are multi-pane over one. The house has a two-story brick rear ell and a one-story shed-roof addition.

A building noted as the parsonage stood at this location according to the 1877 map of Clear Spring. However, it was an earlier structure which was demolished to erect this building. According to a history of St. John's church, the older structure was donated to the church in 1869 for use as a parsonage and was demolished in 1904 for the construction of a new parsonage. The extant structure is noted on the 1922 Sanborn as 242 Cumberland.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

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